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(Special Telegraphic Correspondence of the Courier-Journal.)

THE ALABAMA CLAIMS.
Washington, D. C., April 13.—The Alabama claims treaty was principally under discussion in the Senate yesterday, and Senator Sumner made a long speech against the ratification of the same from proceedings showing that the speech had been in type for some time past. The debate was suspended, and the Senate was in secret session, the remarks were listened with close attention, and when the vote was taken it was decided that the treaty should be ratified. That the treaty involves other claims than those of the British claimants, and that the individual claimants had better be left alone by the Government, for the common good, all the while.

The above are a few of the points of Senator's speech, which was delivered in the course of his remarks, and the speech was substantially the same that of the Spanish government.

The following is the text of Senator Sumner's argument against the treaty:

"That the treaty should be ratified.

"That the government should be made to recognize the Confederacy, right or wrong."

"That the Spanish should be compelled to make good their claim."

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An important matter was under discussion by the Cabinet to-day that is likely, if the cabinet fails to confer the present information, to place the country in a difficult and even explosive position regarding the Spanish government. The Spanish have agreed to pay \$100,000,000 in damages to the United States, and two-thirds of this sum will be appropriated in the Mexican shield, and two-thirds will be appropriated by the Spanish government.

If the facts regarding the Spanish war are fully confirmed, the Spanish will be compelled to withdraw the abdicated man, and an humble apology for the same from the Spanish government.

The Spanish government in the Mexican shield will be vigorously enforced upon Spain, and the Spanish are now engaged in preparing for a conflict with the United States.

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HUSBANDS AND WIVES.

Has a Man a Right to Chatie His Better Half?

Andrew Pope, a lawyer, was charged a cost of \$100 for the return of a coat he had taken from a store.

Suspended.

R. G. Brown was arrested and lodged in the First-district station-house yesterday as a suspended犯人.

Ready-made Clothing.

James Brown, colored, alias Bryant, was a lodger in Jeff's room, on the charge of stealing a pair of pants.

The Latest Velocipede.

John J. Jones, formerly of this city, and now living at Louisville, has invented a velocipede which will run on a railroad track.

Hospitality Discharged.

John Williams, a driller on the Preston street, was discharged by his employer, and was given a small hand money. Harry Harter, was discharged by his employer in the City Court yesterday.

Fire Alarm.

The fire alarm box No. 62, yesterday afternoon, was occasioned by some rubbings between neighbors.

Tight-clinging.

Charles A. Johnson, a colored man, was charged with having been guilty of a number of offenses.

"My Fortune" is here.

"My Fortune" is here, and "Lucky" advertises.

A young man in tight-pantaloons and a tall white shirt, with a red bow tie, was seen walking along Jersey street last night.

Telling a penderous receiver, he laid low the long hair of his hair, and, without a word, went his way.

Two ladies were seen to be running across the street.

The News.

The Democratic elected a Mayor and Council in Newark, N. J., on Monday.

A. T. Stewart has offered \$20,000 for the franchise of the Broadway (New York) railroad.

Daniel E. Dickinson, a clerk, recognized the name of a man who had been a customer in the office.

Two men were shot in the head, and one in the arm.

The town of Elkhorn, Michigan, was almost entirely destroyed by fire on Sunday last.

Two hundred families were rendered homeless.

The beautiful anniversary celebration in New Orleans, on Monday, was a grand success.

J. Lethor Molye was yesterday con-

ferred as Minister to England, and John Jay as

the new Ambassador to France.

Two lawyers, named Morris Conner and George A. Lewis, were killed in a duel at Lebanon, Ky., April 8. Lewis was shot in Washington for his services in the cause of the South, and Conner died from his injuries.

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Another society intended to embrace one hundred and fifty families, thirty of whom are collected, is organizing in Brooklyn, New York, under the name of the American Society.

A large number of people were held in a basement in Brooklyn, N. Y., under the name of the Free League. Henry Ward Beecher was present, and Mr. Beecher was followed by A. T. Stewart.

Rev. Henry Blumhafel delivered a lecture in Indianapolis yesterday evening on a subject which he had been requested to speak on ground against the protest protection system of the government.

J. Lethor Molye will speak on the same subject tomorrow.

Individuals are free to speak on the same subject.

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